

As a truck driver who traverses areas with limited reception, I first subscribed to XM for the excellent reception and variety of programming. When they began offering continuous traffic reports for some major urban areas, they became much more valuable to me. Local news stations in the San Francisco Bay Area repeat 1 minute traffic reports every ten minutes. If I just missed one when I start a trip, I have to guess which route to take, or wait ten minutes to get a new report. With XM, I can receive a report that is generally much more detailed and repeats every two or three minutes. That is a very important service to me.

I pay a fee every month for my XM service. If they feel they can justify the expense of providing traffic reports for their subscribers in major urban areas they should be free to do so. The NAB should not be allowed to limit competition by preventing XM or any other satellite service from providing any service which their customers are willing to pay for.

Sincerely,

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